



Virginia Brownfields Conference

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Today's Presentation

- Brief Overview of Brownfields Program
- Spotlight on new initiatives
- Accomplishments
- What's on tap for 2011/2012
- Questions and Answers



*Urban Planner Clearly Depressed
When She Came Up With Street
Names (THE ONION 9/11/07)*



Brownfield Grant Program

OVERVIEW

Five Types of Grants:

- Assessment grants
- Revolving Loan Fund grants
- Cleanup grants
- Job Training grants (proposals due March 18, 2011)
- State and Tribal Response Program



What Do the Grants Cover? Who is Eligible ?

Provide funding for:

- **Inventory sites**
- **Characterize sites**
- **Assess sites**
- **Plan for cleanup and redevelopment**
- **Conduct community involvement and facilitate area wide planning**
- **Clean up sites for redevelopment**

Who is eligible?

- **State, local, and tribal governments**
- **General purpose units of local government**
- **Land clearance authorities**
- **Quasi-governmental entities**
- **Regional Council or redevelopment agencies**
- **Non profits (cleanup and job training)**



Other EPA Funding Sources

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs)

- Administered at the Regional Office
- Contact Regional Brownfield Coordinator

Access to EPA Revolving Loan Fund Grants

- Administered through the Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization- HQ
- Annual Competitions for new grantees and supplemental funding



Spotlight on New Initiatives

BROWNFIELDS AREA WIDE PLANNING PILOT PROGRAM

- **provides planning assistance** (not for site assessment or cleanup)
 - **23 awards were made to:**
 - **advance an ongoing local planning process,**
 - **develop an area-wide plan** for a **brownfields-impacted area,** and
 - **identify next steps and resources needed to implement the plan**
- ...within a brownfields-impacted area such as a neighborhood, district, city block, corridor, etc.

2012 BF AWP goal – initiate development of area-wide plans that lead to implementable brownfields cleanup and redevelopment projects.



AREA WIDE PLANNING PROJECT IN VIRGINIA

Roanoke, VA

- The AWP will focus on the **Rail Corridor Planning Area, which covers 558 acres**, contains portions of four neighborhoods (Gilmer, Loudon-Melrose, Hurt Park, and West End neighborhoods) and is home to over 5,000 residents. The project area is aligned with and adjacent to the Roanoke River.
- There are at least **60 brownfield sites** in the area, many of which are located near densely populated residential areas. As industries have closed and properties have fallen into disrepair, they have caused a widespread decrease in property values and increase in blighted conditions.
- The Rail Corridor area-wide planning process will **identify future cleanup and reuses of brownfields in the Corridor through community involvement and detailed analysis of economic conditions, market demand, and needed infrastructure improvements.**



URBAN WATERS INITIATIVE

- A Priority Initiative for EPA Administrator Jackson
- Accelerate the protection and restoration of our urban waters
- Reconnect people- especially those living in underserved or economically distressed communities to their urban waterways and adjacent lands
- Build local capacity to use clean and safe waterways as drivers for community revitalization
- EPA's Office of Water is lead with OSWER as Co-lead
- 11 Federal Agencies and the White House Domestic Policy Council have formed a Federal Partnership on Urban Waters
- Five federal partnership pilots are expected to be announced in Spring of 2011



Partnerships For Sustainable Communities

- Shared HUD/DOT/ EPA Initiative
- new report "Partnership for Sustainable Communities: A Year of Progress for American Communities available (brownfields highlighted)
- Technical assistance to the five communities will be wrapped up for the most part by the end of this year.
- Smart Growth Conference held two sessions highlighting two partnership brownfields pilots that integrated AWP concepts with focus on HUD and DOT objectives.



URBAN GARDENING

- Brownfields program has provided TBA funds and k6 technical assistance grant funds to support expanding community garden and urban agriculture movement to highlight land revitalization opportunities.
- Recently shared via website, webinars and brochures many case study examples
- Continue to develop general outreach and technical tools to support outreach efforts and document best practice examples from communities nationwide.
- Highlight urban gardening and agriculture in the ARC grants as an end use or interim activity





2010 EPA BROWNFIELDS RESOURCES

- \$78.9 million in Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) & Cleanup grants
- \$50 million to states and tribes under CERCLA 128(a),
- \$16 million to existing RLF recipients in the form of supplemental funding,
- \$2.4 million in Brownfields Job Training grants and,
- \$4 million to fund Area-Wide Planning pilots



Program Accomplishments

- 15,135 Properties Assessed
- 61,277 Jobs Leveraged
- \$14.0 Billion in Cleanup and Redevelopment funds leveraged (\$18.68 for every EPA Brownfields Dollar)
- State and Tribal Program: 46,000 sites enrolled; 56,000 cleaned; 549,000 acres into productive reuse (data represents 2006-2010 accomplishments)



WHAT IS ON TAP FOR THIS YEAR

- Multiple Purpose Grants
 - Allows grantees to conduct both assessment and cleanup activities under one grant
 - 10 projects- one per EPA Region
 - Call for proposals this Spring
- Compete a new round of Technical Assistance to Brownfields Community (TAB) grants
 - Grantees provide direct technical support to communities with Brownfield issues
 - Request for proposals late Summer



WHAT IS ON TAP FOR THIS YEAR

- Support ASTSWMO SRBPO Task Force in grant activity to further Urban Gardening
 - address identified gaps in contaminant risk and plant uptake,
 - best practice soil management strategies
 - and practitioner training



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